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**Subject:** RE: Edit on Denka website  
**Attachments:** spod\_monitoring\_qapp-final-3-6-2020\_address\_Redacted.pdf

Let me know if you need anything additional. Thanks

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**Subject:** FW: Edit on Denka website

James and Fran,

Do you have a PDF of the updated QAPP with the Chad Baker Street correction? I'll need that to update the QAPP page

Thanks,

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Hi Bruce, can you make a couple edits to the Denka web pages? We need to redact an address from the LaPlace Air Monitoring Map page (see the screenshot below). "[redacted] Chad Baker" should be changed to "Chad Baker Street." It also needs to be redacted from the QAPP—do you still have that file, and if so, can you re-upload an edited version? I copied James Leathers so he can help with any questions.

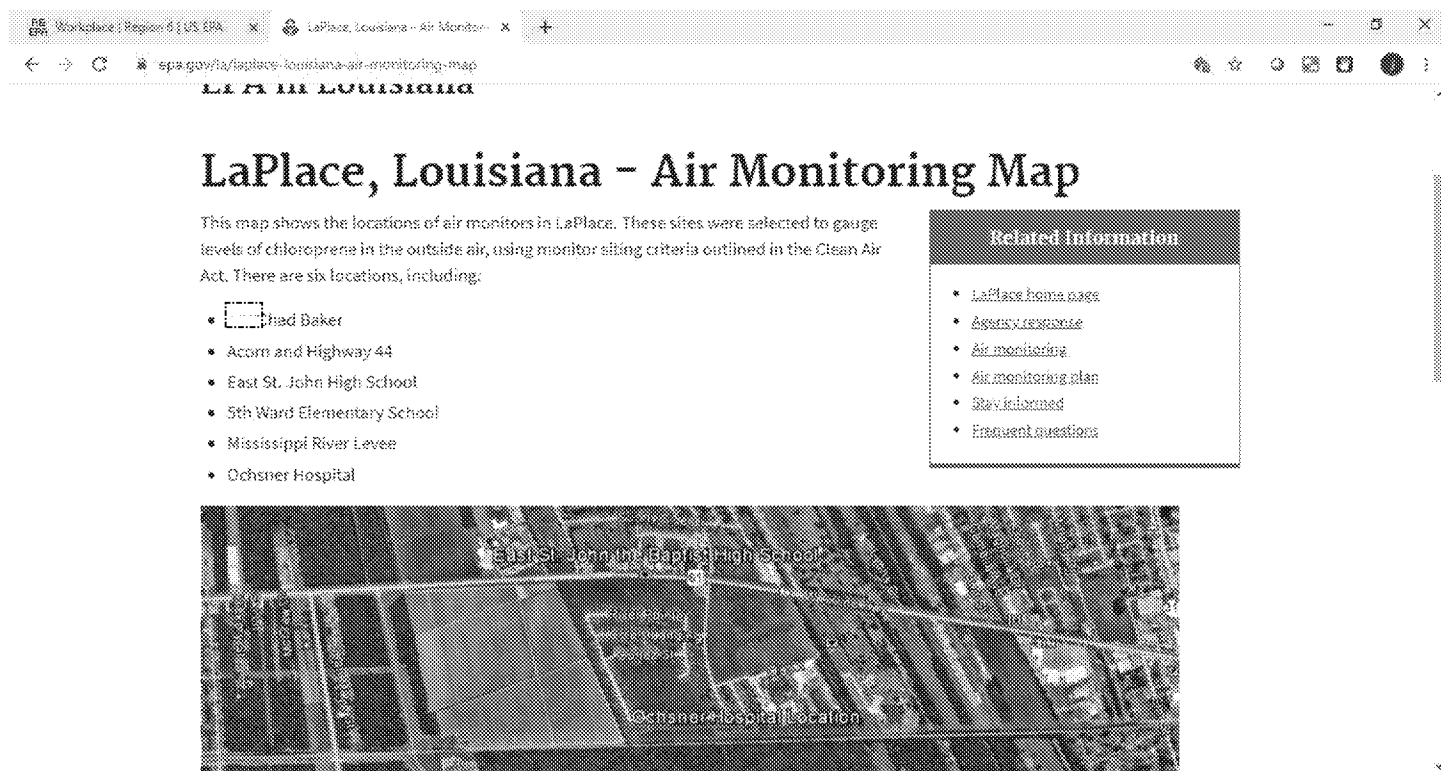
Thanks,  
Jennah

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Jennah,

It will also need to be changed on the website and redacted from our QAPP. The address has changed since our SPod is next door to the house that was used in the past (SPod is at [redacted] and the previous location was [redacted]). Not really important since the number needs to be removed from either Chad Baker location. The reason for the change was simply that the original house is a rental that has tenants that have changed over time, and the house next door is authorized by the homeowner who lives there.



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Good catch, I didn't notice that. Thanks!

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Diane and Jennah, the one change that I would make is to delete the house number on Chad Baker Street. I spoke with James Leathers about this and he agreed. We did this for the community monitoring based on input from attorneys who thought this may be an invasion of privacy. It becomes generically the Chad Baker Street site. The actual location is known but we don't denote it that way.

Fran

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Here is the proposed statement, with input from 6EN and OECA. Steve Thompson concurred.

During the week of March 9-13, 2020, EPA deployed a new SPod air monitoring program around the Denka Facility. An SPod is a monitoring instrument that contains a meteorological station to continuously measure wind speeds and directions, and a photoionization detector (PID) to continuously measure total ambient air concentrations of volatile organic compounds (VOC). EPA installed SPod monitoring systems at four monitoring locations: 2 SPods at Chad Baker, 1 SPod at East St. John High School, 2 SPods at 5th Ward Elementary School, and 2 SPods at Ochsner Hospital. EPA is currently working to secure access agreements for the Mississippi River Levee location and the Acorn and Highway 44 location, with plans to install the collocated SPods from the 5th Ward Elementary School and Ochsner Hospital at the Mississippi River Levee and Acorn and Highway 44 locations. The locations used for the new SPod monitoring program are the same or very close in proximity to the monitors installed by EPA in 2016 (see map for existing monitoring locations <https://www.epa.gov/la/laplace-louisiana-air-monitoring-map>).

Since March 12, 2020, EPA's SPod systems have been logging Total Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) data and weather data. Additionally, total VOC data is used to initiate 24-hour canister samples that will be analyzed for chloroprene. Since each SPod system is configured with up to 4 canisters, canister collection and replacement will occur about once every week. The frequency of canister collection will increase or decrease based on the frequency of canister samples triggered but will occur at least once a month. Once canister samples are collected, they will be sent to a laboratory for analysis, and the chloroprene results will be posted on EPA website for LaPlace, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana (<https://www.epa.gov/la/laplace-st-john-baptist-parish-louisiana>). We estimate results will be posted about 4 weeks after the collection date.

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